(c) whether a Court of Inquiry has been ordered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1 (the pilot).

(c) Yes, Sir.

Environmental Clearance Certificate for Irrigation Schemes

1130. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation schemes pending for want of Centre's environmental clearance certificates, State-wise break-up; and

(b) since when there are lying pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) 11 Major Irrigation Schemes have been found techno-economically viable by the Central Water Commission are pending for want of environmental clearance certificates. The relevant information is given as under:

S.No.	Name of State/Project	Date of receipt in CWC
	UTTAR PRADESH :	
1	Raising of Meja Dam	February, 1974
	WEST BENGAL	
2	Subernarekha Barrage Project	June, 1981
3	Modernisation of Kangsabati Project	April 1983
	BIHAR:	
4	Upper Sakri Reservoir Scheme	April, 1978
	ANDHRA PRADESH	
5	Sri Ram Sagar Project	September, 1986
6	Srisailam Right Branch Canal Project	January, 1985
7	Jurala Irrigation Project	March, 1986
	KARNATAKA	
8	Karanja Irrigation Project	August, 1983
9	Upper Krishna Project State-I(revised)	November, 1985
	PUNJAB	
10	Lining of watar courses Punjab phase-II	August, 1982
11	Integrated project for development of water logged areas in south West districts of Punjab.	September, 1985.

Visit of Ministers to China

1131. SHRI SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Ministers from India visited China in 1987 and 1988;

(b) if so, the names of the Ministers and the date of their visits; and

(c) whether any other Minister, including the Prime Minister, proposes to visit China in 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement is laid on the table of the House. (see below).

(c) The Prime Minister has accepted in principle an invitation to visit China. No dates have been set for the visit. The Minister of Steel and Mines has also accepted an invitation to visit China. The dates for this visit also remain to be finalised.

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Sl. No.	Name of Minister/particulars	Date of visit
1	Shri K.C. Pant, Minister of Defence (Transit to and from Pyong Yang)	April 13-14, 1987
2	Shri Eduardo Faleiro-Minister of State for External Affairas (Transit to and from Pyong Yang)	April 13-14, 1987 April 17-18, 1987
3	Shri N.D.Tiwari, Minister of External Affiairs(Transit to and from Pyong Yang)	June 14-15, 1987
4	Km. Saroj Khaparde Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare Transit to and from Pyong Yang)	September 21, 1987 & September 28, 1987
5	Shri Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister West Bengal	May 27, June 11,1988
6	Shri Buddhadev Bhattacharya, Minister, West Bengal	May 27, June 11, 1988
7	Shri Nirmal Bose, Minister, West Bengal	June 17, July 2, 1988
8	Km. Saroj Khaparde, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare (Transit to and from Pyong Yang)	July, 1988

Special Financial assistance for Teesta Project

1132. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount spent by the West Bengal Government on Teesta Project since its inception;

(b) whether this project has made rapid progress;

(c) whether Central Government assured the State Government that special financial assistance will be provided to expedite the construction of the project; and

(d) if so, total special financial assistance asked for by the State Government and total assistances actually given by the Government for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) An expenditure of about Rs. 279 crores was anticipated upto March, 1988.

(c) and (d) Speical Central Assistance of Rs. 5 crores during 1983-84 and an advance plan assistance of Rs. 15 crores in 1986-87 and Rs. 10 crores in 1987-88 was provided to Teesta Barrage Project.

Council for Social Audit for Technology missions

1133. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a council for Social Audit for technology missions is being set up;

(b) if so, what are the names of the members of the council and the criteria for their selection; and

(c) what statutory powers would the Council enjoy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would consist of 15 eminent citizens, drawn from outside government, who have had distinguished record of public service. Former Chief Justice of India, Shri P. N. Bhagwati, will be Chairman of the Council; other names are being finalised.